

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. 1. A method for managing an accommodation supply chain utilizing a network,
2. comprising:
 3. a) receiving data from a plurality of accommodation outlets of an accommodation
4. supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of accommodation
5. products and services by the accommodation outlets;
 6. b) generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering
7. accommodation products and services from an accommodation distributor of the
8. accommodation supply chain;
 9. c) transmitting the data to the accommodation distributor of the accommodation
10. supply chain utilizing the network;
 11. d) transmitting the data to an accommodation supplier of the accommodation supply
12. chain utilizing the network; and
 13. e) forecasting activity in the accommodation supply chain utilizing the data.
1. 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of
2. accommodation distributors and accommodation suppliers.

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1. 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the data is made accessible to the accommodation
2. outlets, the accommodation distributor, the accommodation supplier via a
3. network-based interface.
1. 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the data is accessible to the accommodation
2. distributor and the accommodation supplier only after verification of an identity
3. thereof.
1. 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the accommodation outlets, the accommodation
2 distributor, and the accommodation supplier each forecast utilizing the data.

1 7. A system for managing an accommodation supply chain utilizing a network,
2 comprising:
3 a) logic for receiving data from a plurality of accommodation outlets of an
4 accommodation supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of
5 accommodation products and services by the accommodation outlets;
6 b) logic for generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering
7 accommodation products and services from an accommodation distributor of the
8 accommodation supply chain;
9 c) logic for transmitting the data to the accommodation distributor of the
10 accommodation supply chain utilizing the network;
11 d) logic for transmitting the data to an accommodation supplier of the
12 accommodation supply chain utilizing the network; and
13 e) logic for forecasting activity in the accommodation supply chain utilizing the
14 data.

1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of
2 accommodation distributors and accommodation suppliers.

1 9. The system of claim 8, wherein the data is made accessible to the accommodation
2 outlets, the accommodation distributor, the accommodation supplier via a
3 network-based interface.

1 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the data is accessible to the accommodation
2 distributor and the accommodation supplier only after verification of an identity
3 thereof.

1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.

- 1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the accommodation outlets, the accommodation
2 distributor, and the accommodation supplier each forecast utilizing the data.
 - 1 13. A computer program product for managing an accommodation supply chain
2 utilizing a network, comprising:
 - 3 a) computer code for receiving data from a plurality of accommodation outlets of an
4 accommodation supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of
5 accommodation products and services by the accommodation outlets;
 - 6 b) computer code for generating an electronic order form based on the data for
7 ordering accommodation products and services from an accommodation
8 distributor of the accommodation supply chain;
 - 9 c) computer code for transmitting the data to the accommodation distributor of the
10 accommodation supply chain utilizing the network;
 - 11 d) computer code for transmitting the data to an accommodation supplier of the
12 accommodation supply chain utilizing the network; and
 - 13 e) computer code for forecasting activity in the accommodation supply chain
14 utilizing the data.
 - 1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data is parsed to match
2 each of a plurality of accommodation distributors and accommodation suppliers.
 - 1 15. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the data is made accessible
2 to the accommodation outlets, the accommodation distributor, the accommodation
3 supplier via a network-based interface.
 - 1 16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the data is accessible to the
2 accommodation distributor and the accommodation supplier only after
3 verification of an identity thereof.
 - 1 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the
2 Internet.

- 1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the accommodation outlets,
- 2 the accommodation distributor, and the accommodation supplier each forecast
- 3 utilizing the data.